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SUBJECT: TURKISH MFA COMMENTS ON MAKARIOS-DENKTASH TALKS

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1. FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED DURING DISCUSSION FEB 15 WITH MFA
CYPRUS/GREECE DIRECTOR GUVENDIREN ON FEB 12 MAKARIOS-DENKTASH-
WALDHEIM MEETING:

A. THE REASON FOR DELAYING THE START OF THE VIENNA TALKS
BETWEEN ONAN AND PAPADOPOULOS UNTIL LATE MARCH, ACCORDING TO
GUVENDIREN, WAS THAT WALDHEIM COULD NOT MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE
IN VIENNA ANY EARLIER. THE EXACT DATE FOR THE VIENNA TALKS
WOULD BE SET BY WALDHEIM, HE SAID. (COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT
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GUVENDIREN'S VERSION IS AT VARIANCE WITH WHAT URQUHART TOLD
DEPT AS REPORTED IN PARA 4 REFTEL.)

B. THE REASON THAT THE TERM "BICOMMUNAL" WAS ACCEPTED BY
DENKTASH INSTEAD OF "BIZONAL" WAS THAT THE CONCEPT OF BIZONALITY
WOULD HAVE CONFLICTED WITH THE CONCEPT OF A CENTRAL FEDERAL GOVT
BASED ON THE UNITY OF THE STATE. HOWEVER, GUVENDIREN SAID, BOTH
SIDES UNDERSTOOD THAT "BICOMMUNAL" MEANT A BIZONAL TERRITORIAL

ARRANGEMENT.

C. THE GOT IS NO LONGER INSISTING ON HAVING ONE OF ITS REPS PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS THROUGH THE SUBCOMMITTEE PROCEDURE. WHATEVER NEGOTIATED PROCEDURE THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES AGREE UPON WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOT, GUVENDIREN SAID.

D. THE PROBABLE REASON THAT MAKARIOS DID NOT INSIST ON TYING THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION TO POPULATION PERCENTAGES, GUVENDIREN SPECULATED, IS THAT THE PERCENTAGES HAVE BEGUN TO CHANGE IN FAVOR OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS BECAUSE OF LARGE SCALE GREEK CYPRIOT EMIGRATION FROM THE ISLAND SINCE 1974.

E. GUVENDIREN CONFIRMED THAT THE TERM "PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES" IN THE THIRD PARA OF THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NEGOTIATORS WAS MEANT TO COVER THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS' CONCERN WITH ADEQUATE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

F. GUVENDIREN MADE THE GENERAL OBSERVATION THAT ALL OF THE FOUR POINTS IN THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NEGOTIATORS MESHED TOGETHER AND FORMED A WHOLE. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, THEREFORE, TO ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT ON ANY ONE POINT WITHOUT A SUBSTANTIAL MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ON ALL THE OTHER POINTS.

G. WHILE THE MAKARIOS-DENKTASH DISCUSSION ON THE QUESTION OF GUARANTEES WAS INCONCLUSIVE, DENKTASH MADE CLEAR THAT HE WOULD NOT AND COULD NOT ACCEPT ANY GUARANTEE OTHER THAN THAT OF TURKEY. GUVENDIREN SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO GIVE IN THIS POSITION.

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